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(C) STOCKHOLM 3696(NOTAL)

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF A, WE
DISCUSSED ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE AT 31ST UNGA WITH LARS
SCHONANDER, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA'S U.N. DIVISION, WHO
WILL BE ATTENDING NORDIC WORKING LEVEL PREPARATORY MEETING
IN REYKJAVIK AUGUST 11-12. SINCE WE HAD EARLIER
DISCUSSED MOST OF ISSUES WITH CHIEF OF MFA'S U.N.
DIVISION ORJAN BERNER (WHO IS NOW ATTENDING COLOMBO NAM
CONFERENCE) (REFS B AND C), DISCUSSION CENTERED ON
MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS.

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2. WITH REGARD TO ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE, SCHONANDER POINTED OUT THAT IN LAST YEAR'S UNGA SWEDEN HAD VOTED WITH US AGAINST RESOLUTION LINKING ZIONISM WITH RACISM. GOS STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY EFFORT TO EQUATE ZIONISM WITH RACISM, SCHONANDER SAID, AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WITH US, EITHER IN STOCKHOLM OR NEW YORK, ANY IDEAS WE MIGHT HAVE FOR LIMITING IMPACT OF THIS ISSUE. HE COMMENTED THAT PROPOSAL TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT AT UNGA THAT THE TARGETS OF THE U.S. DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION SO DEFINED BY A BROAD CONSENSUS (REF A) APPEARED PROMISING, BUT SAID GOS WOULD NEED MORE DETAILS ON HOW IT WOULD BE APPROACHED BEFORE MAKING DEFINITE COMMITMENT.

3. CONCERNING POSSIBLE ATTEMPT AT UNGA TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE ASSEMBLY EVENTUALLY THROUGH THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, SCHONANDER SAID GOS WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE SUCH EFFORTS. HE SAID GOS FULLY SHARES OUR VIEW THAT THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PROCESS IS A TECHNICAL ONE, AND THAT ONLY THE UNSC HAS THE POWER TO RECOMMEND SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF A U.N. MEMBER. SCHONANDER ADDED THAT GOS ADHERES FIRMLY TO THIS LEGAL PRINCIPLE, AND WOULD OPPOSE EFFORTS BY UNGA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO EXCLUDE ANY MEMBER STATE (EVEN SOUTH AFRICA).

4. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, SCHONANDER SAID SWEDES ARE WONDERING WHAT NEXT MOVE WILL BE, IN VIEW OF STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT MEET AUGUST 31 DEADLINE RE SPECIFIC STEPS TOWARDS NAMIBIA'S SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. SPECIFICALLY, SCHONANDER SAID SWEDES ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT TYPE OF RESOLUTION NAM WILL FAVOR IN VIEW OF EXPECTED SOUTH AFRICAN NON-COMPLIANCE. HE ADDED THAT THINKING IN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS THAT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WILL PROPOSE CHAPTER SEVEN SANCTIONS.

5. SCHONANDER SAID SWEDES ATTENDING COLOMBO SUMMIT CONFERENCE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH U.S. OFFICERS
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TO EXCHANGE ASSESSMENTS OF CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE WOULD SEND CABLE TO COLOMBO TO INDICATE INTEREST ON U.S. SIDE IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS, AND HE RECOMMENDED THAT U.S. OFFICERS CONTACT ORJAN BERNER, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING MINISTER OF COMMERCE LIDBOM TO COLOMBO.
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